1: Gutierrez de Pineda, Virginia. Organizacion Social en la Guajira [Social Organization in La Guajira]. Revista del Instituto Etnologico Nacional, Vol. 3, No. 2. Bogota, 1948 [1950].

Pp. xvi, 255.

Yale: C71e 8 3/2. [HRAF MS: pp. i-ix; 1-304]

Translated from the Spanish for the Human Relations Area Files by Sydney Muirden.

[This source, written by a professional ethnologist, is the basic work on the Goajiro. The source deals with the various aspects of the life cycle: birth, child-raising, childhood, marriage, and death. Discussed in great detail are the relations between the members of the family and clan. Also treated in considerable detail are clan structure and the resolution of conflicts between clans, the various categories of crimes and the sanctions for each, and the various aspects of the property system.

1: Gutierrez de Pineda, Virginia.

The author carefully points out which features are more representative of the traditional culture, and which have come about as a result of acculturation. --Analyst]

Field date: 1947
Analyst: James R. Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

2: Pineda Giraldo, Roberto. Aspectos de la Magía en la Guajira. [Aspects of Magic in La Guajira]. Revista del Instituto Etnólogico Nacional, Vol. 3, 1947. Bogota, 1950.

Pp. x, 164

Yale: [HRAF MS: pp. iii, 180]

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[This source deals with religion, shamanism and magic among the Guajiro. Included in the account is information on ceremonies and rituals, charms, magico-medical practices, divination, beliefs about rain, and the initiation and training of shamans. Some material is also offered on beliefs about the spirits of the dead particularly in relation to sickness, and funerals. There is also material concerning

2: Pineda Giraldo, Roberto.

Goajiro divinities, regulation of sexual behavior, feuds and sanctions for violation of legal norms, and beliefs about conception and factors influencing embryonic development. The author is an ethnologist who did field work among the Goajiro. --Analyst]

Field date: 1947
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

3: Wilbert, Johannes. Kinship and Social Organization of the Yekuana and Goajiro. Southwestern Journal of Anthropology, Vol. 14, pp. 51-60. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico, 1958.

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[This brief descriptive article is divided into two parts, the first and longer section being devoted to the Yekuana and the second to the Goajiro. In each, the body is a listing of the kinship terms of the particular group taken from a single informant. There is also a brief outline of the social organization of each in explication. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1957
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

4: Petrullo, Vincenzo. Composition of 'Torts' in Guajiro Society. Publications of The Philadelphia Anthropological Society, Vol. 1, pp. 153-160. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1937.

Yale: Nk10 P53e v.1

[This article deals with the problems of differentiating law and custom in Guajiro society, the nature of the differences between them, and the types of sanctions that exist. In the course of this discussion the author considers concepts of liability, the failure to recognize the existence of extenuating circumstances, and the necessity of resorting to "self-help" to insure that compensation is made for offenses. --Analyst]

Field date: 1935
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Ethnologist-S
Processed in 1961

5: Simons, F. A. A. An Exploration of the Goajira Peninsula, U. S. of Colombia. Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society, N. S., Vol. 7, pp. 781-796 and p. 840. London, 1885.

Yale: E10 R81p 117

[This article offers a brief account of the geographical characteristics of the Goajiro Peninsula along with a general survey of some Goajiro customs. The author discusses the kin groups or castes, settlement patterns and house types, hospitality and etiquette, legal sanctions and concepts of liability, clothing and ornament, girls puberty rites and marriage, funerals, and weapons. A map of the area is appended with a list of Caste territories. --Analyst]

Field date: ca. 1882
Analyst: Betty Potash

Evaluation: Geographer-5
Processed in 1961

6: Santa Cruz, Antonio. Aspects of the Avunculate in the Guajiro Culture. Primitive Man, Vol. 14, pp. 1-13. Washington, D. C.: Catholic Anthropological Conference, 1941.

Yale: Nk10 C27F 11-15

[This source is a summation of part of the material gained by the author on a field trip to the Guajira peninsula in the summer of 1940. He analyzes avuncular-nepotic relationships first from the point of view of the uncle and nephew, and then from the point of view of the uncle and niece. --Analyst]

Field date: 1940
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

7: Bolinder, Gustaf. Indians on Horseback. London: Dennis Dobson, 1957.

Pp. 189; 6 color plates; 20 black and white plates; end map

Cornell: F2270.2 G6B68

[Only pp. 3-10, 47-164 and pertinent plates have been processed for the Goajiro file.]

[This source is the result of three separate trips made by the author, a traveler and explorer, to the Goajiro area in 1920, the 1930's, and in 1955. The book was written for popular consumption, but nevertheless it contains much valuable ethnographic data on the Goajiro Indians, especially in regard to: names and naming, clothing, topography of the region, domesticated animals, slavery, "clan" feuds, foreign trade, weapons, property rights and sanctions for violations thereof, puberty

7: Bolinder, Gustaf.

customs, childbirth and childhood education, marriage, ceremonial dances, shamans and curing, magic, funerary customs, organized banditry, and mythology.

Only pages 47-164 of this source have been processed, since the remainder of the book presents information not pertinent to the Goajiro proper, as for example the sections dealing with the mestizo elements, etc. --Analyst]

Field date: 1920, 1955
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Traveler-5
Processed in 1961

8: Armstrong, John M. and Alfred Métraux. The Goajiro. In, Julian H. Steward, ed., Handbook of South American Indians, Vol. 4: The Circum-Caribbean Tribes, pp. 369-383 [Bureau of American Ethnology, Bulletin 143, Vol. 4, pp. 369-383]. Washington: Smithsonian Institution, 1948.

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[This source is a summary article by two ethnologists, based on previously published materials. It contains information on location and history, subsistence, houses and villages, dress and adornment, manufactures, trade, socio-political organization, the life cycle, and other aspects of Goajiro culture. None of these aspects is treated in depth. --Analyst]

Field date: no date
Analyst: Timothy J. O'Leary

Evaluation: Ethnologists-4
Processed in 1961

9: Santa Cruz, Antonio. Acquiring Status in Goajiro Society. Anthropological Quarterly, Vol. 33, pp. 115-127. Washington, D. C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 1960.

Yale: Nk10. C27F. 33

[This source is based on field research undertaken by the author, a professional anthropologist, during a twenty-six day trip to the Guajira Peninsula in August and September of 1958.

The author shows in this source how the acquisition of social, economic and political status in Goajiro society differs from its traditional form, based on a cattle oriented economy, compared to the present-day method of acquiring such status. As an illustration of the above, two case histories are presented showing the traditional means of obtaining a position of high status and prestige in the clan organization of the society, one through the inheritance of such a position, and the other through appointment to leadership by a council of elders. These are then contrasted to the case history of a modern Goajiro who obtained a ranking

9: Santa Cruz, Antonio.

political post in the society through his own efforts and irrespective of clan organization. This illustrates clearly how leadership and its attendant status roles may be attained today without affiliation with any clan--a definite break with the traditions of the past. --Analyst]

Field date: 1958
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1961

10: Gusinde, Martin. Totemistische Eigentumsmarken der Guajiro-Indianer /Totemistic Property Marks of the Goajiro Indians/. Anthropos, Vol. 56, pp. 531-542. Posieux (Freiburg), Schweiz: Anthropos-Institut, 1961.

1 map; 1 plate.

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Translated from the German for the Human Relations Area Files in connection with the HRAF Field Project.

[This source is basically concerned with the mythological origins, totemistic symbolism, territorial boundaries, and socio-cultural development of the Goajiro clans from the early Spanish Colonial period up to the ethnographic present. In the presentation of his data on clan organization the author quotes excerpts from many of the early accounts of missionaries, travelers, etc., who had visited the Goajiro, as well as the reports of modern ethnologists. A good portion of the source is devoted to animal totemism and to the symbolic representation of the clans, adapted by the Goajiro as property marks.
A complete bibliography of all sources of information referred to in the text will be found in the foreign text, category 116, pp. 541-542.]

Field date: 1954
Analyst: John Beierle

Evaluation: Ethnologist-5
Processed in 1966